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Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, the Security Council decided upon the forming of a Special Commission (UNSCOM) to undertake the responsibilities of the United Nations in connection with the identification and disposal of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and with the future ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraq's compliance with its undertaking not to use, develop, construct or acquire any of the items prohibited to it under section C of resolution 687 (1991). The Special Commission is a subsidiary organ of the Security Council, composed of 21 members designated in their individual capacities by the Secretary-General after consultations with Member States. It is presided over by an Executive Chairman, who is responsible for directing the carrying out of all of the activities of the Commission in Iraq and elsewhere and for maintaining liaison with the Security Council, Iraq and other interested Member States.

2. The Executive Chairman of the Commission is not a staff member of the United Nations Secretariat.

3. In similar cases involving the presiding officers of United Nations organs of a continuing nature, where those officers are not members of the United Nations Secretariat but serve the Organization on a substantially full-time basis, the General Assembly has agreed to the granting to such persons of the privileges and immunities referred to in articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (cf. General Assembly resolution 3188 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 with respect to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions). It is therefore proposed that the General Assembly should take a decision to grant to the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission and to his spouse and minor

children resident in the United States the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to above.

4. Should the Fifth Committee decide to approve the Secretary-General's proposal contained herein, a decision could be submitted to the Assembly along the lines of the attached draft (see annex).

Annex

DRAFT DECISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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At its ... meeting, on ... March 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, having considered the memorandum by the Secretary-General on the matter, decided to approve the granting of the privileges and immunities referred to in articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 678 (1991) of 3 April 1991.